# Description

# Fully closed, zero discharge Fully-closed, zero-discharging, clean oxidizing pulping technology process and process the preparation thereof

# Field of the invention

The invention relates to a <u>clean</u>, <u>fully-closed</u>, <u>zero-discharging pulping</u> process <u>by oxidation and the preparation method thereof</u> for a <u>fully closed</u>, <u>zero discharge</u>, <u>clean oxidizing pulping technology and process</u>. <u>In particular</u>, it is <u>practically relates to a clean pulping process having the characteristics of that involves a method with close-loop</u>, self-cycling, <u>non no</u> acid<u>used</u>, <u>non no</u> alkali <u>used</u>, <u>non no</u> chlorine <u>used</u>, <u>non no</u> anthraquinone <u>used</u>—, <u>non no</u> cooking <u>needed</u>, <u>non no</u> bleaching <u>needed</u>, <u>non no</u> draining and <u>non no</u> pollution.

### Background of the invention

Short supply of papermaking materials is a problem faced by the pulping & papermaking <u>industry</u> in a long term and occurs not in a single district but in worldwide the whole world. Forest acts as the lung of earth that can absorb carbon dioxide and produce oxygen in addition to the <u>effect</u> <u>effects</u> on the conservation <u>of</u>—water resources, prevention of soil erosion, and adjustment of climate. And it has <u>both</u> ecological and economic <u>value</u> <u>values</u>. However, it is now decreasing at a rate of  $700 \times 10^8$ -m² <u>yearly per year</u> and tropical rain forest is <u>being reduced</u> <u>decreasing</u> at a rate of  $50 \times 10^4$  m² per minute. If the illegal ruinous exploitation is not strictly restricted, with the increasing of the whole world population, human beings may have to face the dilemma of <u>non</u> adequate oxygen to breathe 40 years later.

According to a comparison of the China Forestry Statistical Yearbook in 1999 with the one in 2000 compared with 1999, the decreasing rate of forest area in

2000 is: ten <u>major</u> forestry ecological programs -12.9%, <u>natural naturally</u> formed <u>forest</u> conservation program -10.7%, area of <u>enclosure of</u> the hillside <u>closed</u> for regeneration <u>of forest</u> -6.33%, protection forest +24.75% -24.75%, economic plantations -3.83 -3.82% and forest ef <u>for</u> commercial timber -14.07%.

Based on the plant fiber cellulose chemistry, non-wood fiber cellulose materials can be categorized as: 1. the grass gramineous fiber materials; –2. base phloem fiber materials; 3. cotton linters fiber materials; 4. leaf fiber materials. And the holocellulose content of non-wood fiber materials is 48%-84%. The length of most non-wood fiber is longer than that of wood fiber, and cellulose Cellulose is the main centent material used in papermaking. Cellulose extracted either both from wood and or from non-wood materials can be used as supporting materials of paper and for the production of raw material materials of middle or high quality pulp. It is demonstrated that in the fiber of non-wood materials such as cotton stalk, all kinds of chemical components are similar to that of hard-broad-leaved wood and seft-needle-leaved wood.

China is an agricultural country and also—is a cotton-producing country. Annual The yield of annual plant resource that can compare favorably with wood is about 0.16 billion 160 million tons (t), which is comparable to the wood resource. During the "Ten-Five" plan Plan, the growing area in the major cotton-producing area—regions of China is expected to be is stabilized at a level of 6 million hm² in 2010. There are 34.2 million tons of high quality cotton stalks annually. Based on the data of in textbook, output of cotton stalk pulp is 24.282 million tons. If the utilization ratio is 20%, the output is 4.856 million—t/y tons/year, however, heretofore, the utilization ratio of the annual plant resource resembled resembling the hard broad-leaved wood is less than 1%. 0.235 billion 235 million tons of non-wood fiber materials—of non-wood can be extracted from cornstalk,

wheat straw, rice straw (in accordance with year 2000 agriculture statistical yearbook Agriculture Statistical Yearbook of 2000, the yield thereof of them has already attained reached 0.47 billion 470 million tons). Now utilization ratio of the vast pulping resource of annual plant pulp materials is less than 5%. These annual plant resources are called agriculture agricultural green waste in America the United States, and are called green annual plant resource in China.

In "Pulping Technology and Equipment" that published by China Light Industry Publishing House in year 2000, the contents of holocellulose of various fiber materials tested determined by with sodium chlorite is are disclosed, listed as shown in table 1.

Table 1 unit: weight %

Materials	Production	Holocel	Materials	Production	Holocellulo
	Place	lulose		Place	se
spruce	xiaoxinganling	73. 0	Wheat straw	Hebei	71. 3
korean pine	daxinganling	69. 6	Sugarcane <u>residue</u>	Guawngdong	75. 6
populus xiaozuanyangica	henan	81. 6		Guangdong	
bambusa oldhami	zhejiang	69. 5	Chinese alpine rush	Guangxi	76. 7
Bambusa edtuldoides	Guangdong	67. 2	Sorghum stalk	Hebei	66. 4
phragmites communis	Hubei	75. 4	Corn stalk	Hebei	84. 9
miscanthus sinensis	Hubei	76. 6	Achnatherum	<del>Jingxia</del>	79. 8
gossypium hirsutum	Jiangsu	75. 1		<u>Ningxia</u>	
cotton stalk			Deyounia angstyolia	Heilongjiang	74. 9
rice strew straw	Hebei	64. 0	Chinese silvergrass	Sichuan	84. 3

In "<u>Plant FiberCellulose</u> Chemistry" that published by China Light Industry Publishing House in year 2001, data of for chemical analysis of cotton stalk

materials chemical analysis (weight%) and average staple length of fibers (mm) is are listed in table 2.

Table 2

Part of cotton stalk		ash	extractive extract			Sodium	Klason				
	moisture		Cold water	Hot water	1% NaOH	Phenyl alcohol	chlorite	Lignin	Poly pentose	Pactin	Average fiber
Cotton stalk peel	6.12	6.12	18.34	23.66	43.57	2.7	75.57	16.84	23.26	9.64	2.46
Cotton cane	7.87	2.05	3.71	5.02	21.36	1.68	76.32	21.31	18.07	1.42	1.08
Full cotton stalk	8.12	3.15	7.68	9.74	28.72	1.94	75.95	20.17	19.27	4.25	1.68

It is well-known that worldwide—papermaking worldwide still uses the traditional process invented before 100 years in which strong acid acids, strong alkali alkalis, strong chlorine are used and black liquor is drained without restraint. The traditional process has seriously impacted the environment that humankind human beings relies rely on for existence living. In recent years Anthraquinone—anthraquinone—is introduced in papermaking of—in\_Japan, India, Canada etc. Anthraquinone belongs to the is a fused polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon hydrocardes of arenes. All of the The fused polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons—hydrocardes—have been confirmed to be the carcinogen carcinogenic. For instance, a known carcinogen structure made of anthracene is as follows:

10-Methylmethyl-1,2-benzanthracene(ethene) or ethylene-1,

#### 2-benzanthracene

The prohibition order relating to the prohibition of chlorine in of pulp bleaching with chemicals relate to chlorine was promulgated by Environmental Protection Agency (USA) in April 2000. More recently, 54% of papermaking companies paper mills in the world are fixing their eyes on CIO<sub>2</sub> as the bleaching agent. Nevertheless, 91% of CIO<sub>2</sub> may produce dioxine and other organic compounds, nevertheless, and the remained remaining 9% Cl<sub>2</sub>-is discharged as Cl<sub>2</sub>-to the atmosphere, which does harm the environment that human beings rely on.

The oxidizing bleaching of pulp can date back to the early 1950's. Oxygen was first found that it has to have a bleaching ability by Soviet wood chemist Nikicih—Nikieih and Arim ARim in 1952. Twelve years later, Magnesium magnesium salts are found to be able to avoid cellulose exidation to be exidized and degradation degraded by French scientist Rebeve et al in 1964. Laboratories one after another were established one after another in three countries (America U.S., France and Sweden) in 1970. In the same year, the first chlorine dioxide bleaching plant of the world was constructed in Enstrd of South Africa. In 1972, CIO<sub>2</sub> oxygen bleaching plant with a capacity of 12t/d was set up in America the U.S. and the technology was patented. But, however, it was not industrialized put into service due to the great loss of cellulose, high energy consumption, and high water consumption and high production cost. Twenty-seven years later, Gerogelude Company in France (1999) and Prinsell Company in America (2001) successively used the combination of ClO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> for bleaching. But chlorine pollution was not shaken off gotten rid of. Referring to the patent patents before March, 2002 of all over the world, the worldwide papermaking worldwide stand still employed as the seriously polluting cooking process with strong acid, strong alkali and strong chlorine, and stand-still as utilized the seriously polluting

bleaching process with chlorine. Treatment of lignin <u>chromophores</u> ehromophore stands—still as <u>relied on the</u> traditional process of separation and degradation of lignin <u>used in</u>—100 years before <u>ago</u>. For this reason, papermaking of <u>in</u> the world has become the emphases <u>an important</u> object of <u>concern for</u> the environment protection organization.

Pulp bleaching with CIO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>3</sub> (CN1212310A) invented by France liquid air company—Liquid Air Company was made—public published on at March 31,1999. Pulping ef process using cornstalk and other non-wood fiber materials (CN1371439A) invented by America North Carolina State University of U.S. was made public at published on Sep 25, 2002. Other patent applications include: A method that produces pulp by a pulping process using non-wood material and its preparation system—equipment (CN1407172A) invented by Japan business corporation Business Corporation published on April 2, 2003, a pollution-free pulping method (CN1198492) invented by Shandong Weichang Normal University, a pulping method without alkali (CN1229155) and a pulp bleaching electrochemical technology of polyoxometallate (CN1458075)—were made public at April 2, 2003 et cetera.

Referring to all above instruction—patents, some are related to bleaching method without chlorine, some aim at are reducing the dosage amount of acid, alkali and chlorine used, some are using ozone instead of chlorine, some are using alkali, anthraquinone and peroxide acid. Until March, 2002, there are is no any plant method which can finish degradation of lignin without using acid, alkali, and no any plant puts down method which eliminates the use of acid, alkali and chlorine completely, which implies that illustrate the pollution problem has not been thoroughly-resolved in these patents. The present patent invention solves the pollution problem of in papermaking—thoroughly. The invention gets rid of

solves the problem of <u>using</u> strong acid, strong alkali, chloride and anthraquinone in <u>pulping</u> process, <u>during the whole process of</u> degradation of lignin and bleaching. All wastewater produced by papermaking <u>isn't</u> is not drained outwards. The invention is , thereby forms a fully—closed, self-circling and <u>zero discharge process zero-discharging system</u>, and completely solves two worldwide problems - <u>materials material</u> shortage of <u>pulping & papermaking</u> and serious pollution <u>existing in pulping & papermaking industry</u>.

# **Detailed description Summary of the invention**

The invention overcomes the <del>current</del>-technical shortcomings <u>in the prior arts</u> and provides a close-loop, self-cycling, <del>zero discharge</del> <u>zero-discharging</u>, clean oxidizing pulping <del>technology</del> <u>process</u> and <del>process</del> <u>the preparation method</u> <u>thereof</u>.

Clean\_The clean pulping process and preparation method thereof of the invention are carried out by undermentioned technical projects characterized in that. The character of the invention is that the raw materials of the clean pulping process and the preparation method thereof are non-wood and or wood material. Preparation preparation of the pulp can be finished according to undermentioned the \_processes mentioned below.:

- (A) Pretreatment of raw materials.;
- (B) Above materials Materials pretreated above are oxidizing dipped in water in the presence of that contains active oxygen A and cellulose preserver that is made of protectant consisting of metal ions and metal ion ligands.
- (C) The <u>oxidizing-dipped—oxidizing</u> materials are <u>grinded in turn ground</u> <u>sequentially</u> by the active oxygen A and <u>then</u> active oxygen B-;
  - (D) Concentrate Concentrating and beating:

In accordance with the present invention, wherein, the active oxygen A is one or two selected from  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O_2$ , and one or two free radicals generated from  $O_2$ , or  $H_2O_2$ . The the active oxygen B is one or more selected from  $O_3$ ,  $O_2$ (singlet oxygen),  $O_2^{\frac{1}{2}}/HOO_1^{-\frac{1}{2}}/HOO_2^{-\frac{1}{2}}/HOO_3^{-\frac{1}{2}}/HOO_2^{-\frac{1}{2}}/HOO_3^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ 

In accordance with the present invention, the organic solvent is, for example, is DMSO or oxalic acid acids.

A kind of pulp is obtained by the above process is also provided.

In above the clean pulping method described above, the non-wood materials such as full cotton stalk includes include one or the mixture of two or more selected from cellulose, hemicellulose, lignin of cotton bast, cotton stem, cotton stalk root and full cotton holocellulose, cellulose and hemicellulose of valvular cotton, cotton short linter, cotton dregs, and cotton seed; a kind of lignin; or two or multi-kinds of their compounds. The described Said wood fiber woods includes soft woods and hard wood broad-leaved wood and needle-leaved wood, such as white pine, Masson pine, longitudinal white pine, oregano pine David poplar, aspen wood, fast-growing poplar, birch and so on.

In accordance with the invention, the metal ions are <u>one or the mixture of two or more</u> selected from Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Si<sup>2+</sup> and two or multi-kinds of their compounds. The metallic metal ion ligands are one or the mixture of two or more selected from include dimethyl dioxirane (DMD) DMD, diethylenetriamine pentaacetic acid (DTPA) DTPA, ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA) EDTA, alkyl-sulfonic acid sodium sodium alkylsulfonate, and polyoxyethylene alkylether poly-oxyethyl-enablkylether and two or multi-kinds of

their compounds.

In accordance with the invention, Amount dosage of the metal ions in weight is between 1-1000ppm.

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> oxidizing dipping treatment is carried out in <u>an</u> acidic condition whose <u>having a pH is of</u> between 1-4, <u>preferably, and the best pH is</u> between 1.5-2.5.

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> grinding treatment is carried out in <u>an</u> acidic condition whose <u>having a</u> pH is <u>of</u> between 1-4, <u>preferably, and the best</u> pH is between 2.5-3.8.

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> acidic condition can be obtained by <u>use of the</u> active oxygen of the invention (such as HOO • ) and <del>also can also be obtained by the addition of pH regulator.</del>

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> concentration of active oxygen A in above the materials being treated is 0.01-2.0wt%, and the concentration of active oxygen B in above materials is 0.1-50umol/L.

A kind of clean pulping method as stated above has undermentioned eharacters the following features and advantages: (A) The active oxygen is dropped into the a disc refiner, in which heat energy is generated through from the rotation of the disc<sub>τ</sub> and is the energy is transferred into the materials for reaction, thus then the fiber cellulose is separated from the intercellular space-; (B) With eeeperation the combined effects of the active oxygen A and B, the chromophoric group groups (α, β-aldehyde or ketone group groups) in the lignin is are transformed into non-color group less colorless groups (the i.e., carboxylic acid acids or binary acid carboxylic acids)-; (C) Self-cycling: the raw materials pre-treated are delivered to the oxidation reactor. All water used in the process

from the pretreatment of raw materials till the delivery of it to the oxidation reactor is divided into two parts to be to accomplish the self-cycling cycled in the process:- One the first part is the water from the process of materials cleaning pretreatment treatment of raw materials; after the centrifugal cleaning treatment, the resulting. It is purified by centrifugal cleaning and the solid sediments in it are taken away and the resulting. The pulps are sent to the commonconventional beating process: Water water generated in the process is eycled directed into a purification pool for cycling water in which - a 0.1%-0.15% ozonizer (O3 generator) and acticarbon nutsch filter are is installed in the purification pool to decolor the water. The resulting water contains a very small amount of oxygen free radical and it is then pumped into the cycling water system; the . The other second part is the water from the oxidizing process. After which water is cleaned with centrifugal cleaner centrifugation and then is then concentrated with a common conventional decker, the The pulp is sent to the pulp tank and then to a for papermaking plant, and the The produced water produced is filtrated and then sent to placed in the water-purifying tank for self-cycling. The purified water is pumped into the materials cleaning system, oxygen oxidizing-dipping system, oxygen grinding system and filtrating screening system for recycling use being recycled within the company.

In accordance with the present invention, it takes advantage of The present method employs active oxygen free radicals generated by exidation electron-reduction reaction of molecular oxygen in an ion reactor to transform and separate lignin, and to change chromophoric group groups in the intercellular space and to obtain paper pulp. The conventional pulping technologies that use harmful polluting chemicals such as acid, alkaline, chlorine, anthraquinone and so on are basically changed different with the method of in

the present invention. The In the present invention, the cooking and bleaching process which, generating generate severe pollution, can be avoided. The , and the abundant yearly annually grown fiber materials can be utilized in this process and water and energy can be saved. As a result, the cost of production can be saved reduced.

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> active oxygen is added in <u>into</u> the materials, and <u>ground with a high-concentration</u> defibrator <u>generates which leads to a grinding</u> heat reaction by <u>grinding</u>, <u>which is used so as</u> to change lignin's ehromophore chromophores of <u>in the intercellular space</u>. Because the <u>hydroxyl special</u> free radicals formed by <u>the three oxygen atoms of molecule molecular oxygen has have a strong attack power and <u>internal an intracellular nucleophilic</u> attack power, the <u>and an electrophilic reaction occurs between special the hydroxyl</u> free radicals and lignin. The <u>big  $\pi$ -bonds in the lignin structural element elements</u>, i.e. benzene ring and <u>phenyl and exocyclic side chains</u>, big  $\pi$ -bond are broken, and then lignin is <u>degradated degraded</u> and dissolved. The ehromophore chromophores of <u>in lignin is are ehanged transformed</u> or decomposed into <u>low molecular small molecules</u>, then forms achromictintless menolarboxylic acid thus forming colorless <u>monocarboxylic acids</u> or binary carboxylic acid acids.</u>

The reactions Equations are as follows:

The invention also includes the pulp made by the above process.

Process of the invention is described in detail\_concretely as follows:

A clean oxidizing pulping process and the preparation method thereof, characterized in that the The character of the invention is that raw materials of thereof the cleaning pulping process and the preparation method are is non-wood and wood materials and Preparation preparation of the pulp can be finished according to undermentioned processes. the following process:

- (A) Pretreatment of raw materials.;
- (B) Above materials is Materials pretreated above are oxidizing dipped in the presence of in the active oxygen A and a cellulose preserver protectant that is made of metal ions and metal ion ligands.;
- (C)The <u>oxidizing-dipped-oxidizing</u> materials is <u>grinded are ground</u> in turn by the active oxygen A and <u>then active oxygen B-:</u>
  - (D)Concentrate Concentrating and beating-;

wherein-In accordance with the present invention, the active oxygen A is one or two selected from  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O_2$ , and one or two free radicals generated from  $O_2$ ,  $H_2O_2$ —; The the active oxygen B is one or more selected from  $O_3$ ,  ${}^1O_2$  (singlet oxygen)  $O_2^{\frac{\pi}{2}}/HOO_2$ . (superoxide anion free radical) and one or

multi-free radicals generated from therefrom  $O_{37}^{-1}O_{27}$ . HOO • in water in the presence of which an organic solvent-exists.

Active oxygen can be obtained when <u>molecular O2</u> passes through <u>an ion</u> process-radiator in which the <u>an oxidation-reduction reaction can occur and the when energy is provided, <u>and at last water is formed.</u> In the process <u>that four electrons</u> are accepted, one oxygen free radical will be generated when one electron is absorbed by O2. For instance: <u>hyperoxidized a hyperoxide</u> anion free radical is formed when O2 is reduced by one electron and its equation is: O2+  $e \rightarrow \frac{O_2^7/H00}{O_2^7/H00}$  : Hydrogen <u>hydrogen</u> peroxide is formed when O2 is reduced by two electrons and its equation is: O2+2e+2H<sup>+</sup> $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>O2; Hydroxy hydroxy free radical is <u>radicals are</u> formed when O2 is reduced by three electrons and free radical is <u>radicals are</u> formed by reaction of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, which are special free radicals of <u>for</u> water treatment and their equations are: O<sub>2</sub>+3e+3H<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow$  H<sub>2</sub>O+ • OH— <u>Fe<sup>2+</sup>+H<sub>2</sub>O2  $\rightarrow$  Fe<sup>3+</sup>+ • OH+OH<sup>-</sup>.</u></u>

In accordance with the invention, the The metal ions are ion(s) is/are one or the mixture of two or more selected from  $Mg^{2+}$ ,  $Fe^{2+}$ ,  $Mn^{2+}$ ,  $Cu^{2+}$ ,  $Al^{3+}$ ,  $Zn^{2+}$ , and  $Si^{2+}$  and two or multi-kinds of their compounds and the The metal ions are usually provided in the form of salt salts such as  $FeSO_4$ ,  $MgCO_3$ , etc. The metallic metal ion ligands is ligand(s) is/are one or the mixture of two or more selected from for example DMD, DTPA, EDTA, alkyl-sulfonic acid sodium, poly-exyethyl-enabkylether and two or multi-kinds of their compounds sodium alkyl-sulfonic acid, polyoxyethylene alkylether. Together with the The metal ion, the metallic metal ion ligand, hyperoxidized hyperoxide anion free radical  $(O_2^{\frac{\pi}{2}}/HOO_2^{\frac{\pi}{2}}/HOO_2^{\frac{\pi}{2}})$  and  $H_2O_{27}$  they are combined together in different compositions to form-a functional cellulose protection systems which can

not only protect cellulose but also get rid of silicon.

Pretreatment usually includes removing impurity, shear shearing, fiberization fiberizing and, optionally, cleanout with concrete condition cleaning.

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> oxidizing—dipping treatment is <u>preferably</u> carried out in acidic condition <u>whose wherein pH</u> is between 1-4, and <u>preferably, the best pH is</u> between 1.5-2.5.

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> grinding treatment is carried out in acidic condition whose wherein pH for example is between 1-4, and preferably, the best pH is between 2.5-3.8.

In accordance with the invention, the <u>The</u> acidic condition can be obtained by <u>the use of active oxygen</u> of the invention (such as HOO • ) and also can be obtained by <u>the addition of a pH regulator</u>.

The <u>metal</u> ions are usually used in the form of <u>a</u> salt and <u>its dosage range</u> the amount thereof is commonly between 1-1000ppm, <u>preferably</u>, the best range is between 10-100ppm—<u>according to by</u> weight of metal ion.

In accordance with the present invention, the "non-cooking" involves means that: the conventional cooking process can be omitted; instead, . The the active oxygen is dropped into the disc refiner, in which heat energy is generated through the rotation of the disc, and the an energy transferred transferring reaction is generated occurs, then the fiber cellulose is separated from the intercellular space.

In accordance with the present invention, non-conventional no conventional bleaching process needed involves means that: the bleaching process can be omitted...; instead, The cooperation the combined effects of the active oxygen A and B are used in order to transform the chromophoric group groups in the lignin

into non-color group colorless groups, For for example, to transform  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ -aldehyde or ketone group groups are turned to the into carboxylic acid acids or binary acid acids.

In accordance with <u>a preferred embodiment of</u> the invention, the detailed description of the process in the preferred implemented program is illustrated as follows the process of the invention comprises:

The a pretreatment system of for the raw materials: This this is a cooperation process. In this process, legumen and calyces of the raw materials are removed legumen, calyces by a crushing engine, and then the raw materials are cut into pieces having a length of 5cm and thick a thickness of 1.5cm and a yield of 98%, . Finally materials whose forming rate is 98% are obtained. Above materials are broken into plush plushes by roller and a rolling-type crushing engine, and then had removed dust and medulla removed by wind power while, had removed impurity removed by a cleaner wherein, water used Water of in the cleaner is the water being cycled and full closed and circular waterin the factory, containing minor. Little active oxygen free radicals and minor little cellulose preserver protectant (-(could be broughtcommericially available) from market) are left in the water, so no active oxygen needn't is needed to be added in the pretreatment process. No any drainage is drained discharged in the process of washing materials by circular the cycling water, which changes is different with the traditional process with acid washing and alkali washing process.

Oxidation reactor system (refer\_referring to the application of patent for invention of China Chinese patent application No.: 200310103895.3): The the main function thereof is imbibition, softening and debonding of the materials; pH within the reactor is 1-4; Active active oxygen in the subacidity weak acidic water

whose pH is 1 to 4 generates superoxide anion radicals ( $\frac{0^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\text{HOO}}$ ) who which have strong penetrability and can penetrate intercellular space directly to occur induce an oxidation-reduction reaction. Agitator An agitator is installed in the oxidation reactor and the agitator connects outer power plant motor through the top of the reactor.

The the agitator is equipped with at least three layers of propellers that least has three process propellers, and its rotating speed can be controlled. Start the agitator and then in the reactor, positive ions are produced in the water by the electrodes. —Materials are softened by the combined effects cooperation of positive ions, pressure, temperature and shearing stress of the agitator. In the oxidation reactor, owing to the active oxygen, catenating layer, pectin, and poly pentose are decomposed at the same time, and decolor discoloring reactions are occurred by high speed agitating of active oxygen occur during the high speed agitation.

With the repeatedly repeated experiments, the best preferred reaction conditions are identified: pH\_in the reactor is 1.5-2.5 and a rotating speed of 40-80 r/s for 40-60min\_r/min and -0.02-0.1% cellulose preserver protectant that has been prepared is also added. In 40-60 minutes, in the reactor, chromophore of material changes chromophores in the raw materials change from deep yellow to pale white, then materials are washed repeatedly and squeezed for removing the water-out.

Grinding system: the best choice preferred is disk grinder system that is consists made of two parts, one is model RL50S disc refiner or high consistency defibrator and the other is oxidation reactor. The process has includes first refining and second refining. Active oxygen A is used in the first refining and

active oxygen B is used in the second refining. The raw materials exported by from exidation exidizing-dipping system are fed to the refiner by a screw feeder continuously and equally homogeneously, then the materials are dipped by O<sub>3</sub> whose concentration is 1-15umol/L, weight percentage concentration of water is 30%, and pH is 2.5. Grinding rotating speed is 600-1200 r/s r/min and the gap between the disks is 0.2-0.15mm. In first refining, active oxygen A whose weight percentage concentration is 0.1-1.5 is added in the shower water to mix and grind with materials. The materials are softened with by grinding, and then the celluose cellulose cladded in the intercellular space is separated. Main function of the grinding thermal reaction is producing to produce heat transfer reaction with confriction of refiner by mix-mixing and grinding of active oxygen and material materials. Chromophore Chromophores of phenylpropane hydrocinnamic alkyl is are oxidized by superoxide anion free radicals, molecular dioxygen oxygen and hydrogen peroxide. With softening temperature difference ef differences among lignin, hemicellulose and cellulose, hydrophilic groups gotten produced from oxidized exiguous fibers can connect fundamental chain be connected to the backbone of cellulose; as a result, yield is augmented to by 8-12%. Key of the invention is condition the conditions of the process (the detail instruction of the process-such as sequence, pH, temperature, dosage amount of active oxygen used, time, rotating speed, pressure and pulp concentration etc of the process as detailed in the present invention).

The process has includes a first refining and a second refining. slag Slag sifted grinding can be grinded ground and screened repeatedly after screening.

After being transferred to the In cleaner disposal process, edible citric acid aqueous solution whose weight percentage concentration is 0.12 and hydroxylamine whose weight percentage concentration is 0.01 are added and

sprinkled to prevent dandy worm and oxidative stain. According to routine beating process, the pulp is <u>beaten</u> and the pulp thus obtained is the original material pulp with a yield of 76% and an ISO whiteness of 52-65°. The process described above can be applied in the village and township enterprises in the area with abundant raw materials. And the <u>The</u> coarse pulp products can be supplied sufficiently to the consolidation pulp mills.

The raw materials pulps are fed to the refiner continuously and equally by a screw feeder homogeneously and continuously. In the first refining process O2 (weight percentage concentration is 0.1) and/or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (weight percentage concentration is 1.5) prepared in advance are added dropwise to the pulp in a ratio of -1:0.12-0.15 (according to weight ratio) and mixed with the pulp in refiner at 60-80°C, pH2.5-3.8 and 12-15% consistency. The rotating speed of which the refiner is 1300 r/s-r/min and the gap between the disks is 0.15-0.1mm. The pulp whiteness can be 60—75°. In the secondary second refining process  $O_3$ (concentration is 10umol/L) and/or superoxide anion radicals  $(\frac{O_{7}^{-}/HOO}{2} - \frac{O_{2}^{-}/HOO}{2})$  (concentration is 10umol/L) and/or singlet oxygen ( $^{1}O_{2}$ ) (concentration is 10umol/L) are added and mixed with the pulp at 80-100°C, pH2.5-3.8, 12-15% pulp consistency and 0.3-0.6\_Mpa. The rotating speed of refiner disc is 1300 r/s r/min and the gap between the disks is 0.15-0.1mm. After 0.5-1h, the ISO whiteness can should reach to 75-86°. The pulp is sent into the conventional screening process for fine screening. The refined pulp is sent into the centrifugal cleaning process before it is , condensed with a decker, beaten, and then sent into the storage process. When higher whiteness is required, the pulp can be processed again according to the process described above and pulp yield is 75%.

Comparing Compared with current technology prior arts, the method of the

invention has the following advantages as follows: It it is practically a preparation process of pulp which involves a method with close-loop is fully closed, zero discharging, self-cycling, non-acid no acid needed, non-alkali no alkali needed, non-chlorine no chlorine needed, non-anthraquinone no anthraquinone needed, non-cooking no cooking needed, non-bleaching, non-draining and non-pollution no pollution. The method has characters characteristics of saving energy, saving water and being a clean pulping method, and it solves pollution of papermaking completely, utilizes facilitates the re-use of resource of agriculture and forest resources, and protects the biological entironment environment. In accordance with the present invention, the fully closed, self-cycling, zero discharge discharging refers to: All raw materials are pretreated and then sent to the oxidizing dipping reaction system; all water in the process from the pretreatment et aw materials till the delivery of it to the oxidation reactor is divided into two parts to accomplish the self-cycling be self-cycled in the process: One one part is the water from the process of materials cleaning pretreatment. It is purified by centrifugal cleaning and beating, during which and the solid sediments in it are taken away. The and the pulps are sent to the common conventional beating process-; Water water generated in the process is cycled into the purification pool. A 0.1%-0.15% ozonizer (O3 generator) is and acticarbon nutsch filter are installed in the purification pool to decolor the water. The water contains minor oxygen free radical radicals and it-is pumped into the cycling water system. The other part is the water from the exidizing following process: After the pulp is cleaned with centrifugal cleaner and then is-concentrated with a common after conventional decker, the pulp it is sent to the pulp tank for and then to papermaking plant. The produced water produced is filtrated and placed in the water-purifying tank for self-cycling. The purified water is pumped into materials

cleaning system, oxygen oxidizing-dipping system, oxygen grinding system and filtrating system for recycling use screening system for being recycled within the company. No any gas or black liquor is drained in the process. The mixed solid

This process is pollution-free and the residue can be sent to bio-oxidation

residue discharged only eccupied occupies 12%-22% of the materials by weight.

# Caption Description of the drawings:

treatment tank for other uses.

<u>Figure.1 is the The flow sheet chart of this invention that is a fully-closed</u>, self-cycling, zero discharge discharging and clean pulping process by oxidation is illustrated in Figure 1.

## **Detailed description of this invention**

### **EXAMPLE**

Undermentioned examples are <u>farther\_further\_description</u> of the invention. These examples are only used to describe the invention, not <u>used\_to limit the conceptual\_scope framework</u> of the invention.

#### **EXAMPLE** I

100kg full cotton stalks are—were\_removed of\_legumen\_,—and\_calyces by a crushing engine and cut into pieces with a length of 5cm and thick a thickness of 1.5cm\_with a yield of\_. Finally materials with forming rate 98%—are obtained. Above materials a were broken into plush by a roller-type and crushing engine, had\_removed\_dust and medulla removed\_by wind power,—removed impurity removed\_by screening, washed by with circular cycling water before the materials is were transported to the oxidation reactor (an\_auto agitator is installed in the reactor) by a screw feeder. The reaction conditions a were at 60°C, pH\_2.5, a rotating speed of 60 r/s r/min, and with the addition of MgCO<sub>3</sub> 0.02 kg, and

bimethyl-bioxirane dimethyl-dioxirane (DMD) 0.01 kg-is added. After 0.5h, a H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution with weight percentage concentration 0.2 is was added. Then the rotating speed was becomes increased to 80 r/s r/min and temperature is to 80°C. After 1h, impregnating softness number rate of the materials in the reactor is was 98%. The materials change changed from deep yellow to pale white and accord\_met\_with ISO whiteness 48-52° (hereinafter it is called whiteness or ISO whiteness for short convenience). Above materials are were washed repeatedly and dewatered to concentrate, and giving a weight percentage concentration of the-water is of 30%. A H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution is was added in into the material washed, and the weight percentage concentration of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in the material is was 0.2. The material is was fed to a refiner continuously and equally homogeneously to be grinded ground. The rotating speed of refiner disc is was 600-1200 r/s r/min and the gap between the disks is-was 0.2-0.15mm. Slag sifted could slag grinding can be grinded ground and screened repeatedly after screening. After being In disposal process of transferred into the cleaner, an edible citric acid aqueous solution with a weight percentage concentration of 0.12 and hydroxylamine with a weight percentage concentration of 0.01 are were added. According to routine beating process, the pulp is was beaten, thereby obtaining an original material that pulp with a yield is 76% and an ISO whiteness is of 52-65°. The process described above can be applied in the-village and township enterprises in the area with abundant raw materials. And the The coarse pulp products can be supplied sufficiently to the consolidation pulp mills.

#### **EXAMPLE** II

<u>In accordance with EXAMPLE I</u>, 100kg raw materials <u>from EXAMPLE I are</u> were fed to <u>the refiner continuously and equally homogeneously and continuously by a screw feeder. In the first refining process H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (weight</u>

percentage concentration is—was 1.5) prepared in advance are—were added to the pulp in a ratio of 1:0.12 (according to weight ratio) and mixed with pulp in the refiner at 60°C, pH3.8 and 12-15% consistency. The rotating speed of refiner is was 1300 f/s f/min and the gap between the disks is—was 0.15-0.1mm. The pulp whiteness ean—be was 6965-75°. In the secondary refining process O<sub>3</sub> (concentration is—was 10umol/L) is—was added and mixed with pulp at 80°C, pH 3.8, 12-15% pulp consistency and pressure 0.4Mpa.The rotating speed of refiner disc is—was 1300 f/s f/min and the gap\_between the disks is—was 0.1mm. After 0.5-1h, the ISO whiteness ean—should reach to—75-86°C. The pulp is—was\_sent into the conventional screening process for fine screening. The refined pulp is was sent into the centrifugal—cleaning process, before—it is—condensed with a decker, beaten, and then sent into the storage process. When higher whiteness is required, the pulp can be processed again according to the process described above and pulp yield is—was 75%.

### **EXAMPLE** III

Original materials are pulps were obtained by the procedure as conducted for in example I, except that MgSO<sub>4</sub> substitutes substituted for MgCO<sub>3</sub> at the same desage amount.

### EXAMPLE IV

The <u>same\_procedure</u> as <u>conducted forin</u> example II\_was repeated, except that superoxide anion radicals ( $O_2^{-}/HOO_2^{-}$ )\_whose concentration is was \_10umol/L substitutes substituted for O<sub>3</sub> whose concentration is—was \_10umol/L.

#### EXAMPLE V

100kg poplar pieces are were broken into plush by a roller-type and crushing

engine, had removed dust and impurity removed by wind power, washed by eircular cycling water before the materials are were transported to the oxidation reactor (an auto agitator is was installed in the reactor) by a screw feeder. The reaction conditions are-were at-60°C, pH2.5, rotating speed of 60 r/s r/min and MgSO<sub>4</sub> 0.015kg and bimethyl-bioxirane dimethyl dioxirane (DMD) 0.01 kg are were added. After 0.5h, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution whose with a weight percentage concentration is of 0.2 is was added. Then the rotating speed becomes became 80 r/s r/min and temperature is was 100°C. After 1h, impregnating expanding softness number rate of the materials in the reactor is was 98%. The color of the materials change changed from deep yellow to pale white and ISO whiteness is was 48-52°. Above materials is—were washed repeatedly and dewatered to concentrate, and weight percentage concentration of the water is was 30%. O2 and H2O2 solution is was added in dropwise into the material, and weight percentage concentration of O2 and H2O2 in the materials is was 0.25. The materials are were fed to a refiner continuously and equally homogeneously by a screw feeder so as to be grinded ground. The rotating speed of refiner disc is was 600-1200 r/s r/min and the gap between the disks is-was 0.2-0.15mm. Slag grinding sifted can could be grinded ground and screened repeatedly after screening. After being treated in the In cleaner-disposal process, an edible citric acid aqueous solution whose weight percentage concentration is was 0.12 and N, N-dialkyl hydroxylamine whose weight percentage concentration is was 0.01 are were added. According to routine beating process, the pulp is was beaten, thereby obtaining an original pulp material whose with a yield of is 76% and ISO whiteness of is-52-65°.

#### **EXAMPLE** VI

100kg poplar pieces are original pulp prepared in example V was fed to a

refiner continuously and equally continuously and homogeneously by a screw feeder. In the first refining process, compound oxygen made consisting of H2O2 (weight percentage concentration is was 1.5) and O<sub>2</sub> (weight percentage concentration is was 0.1) prepared in advance are was added to the pulp in a ratio of 1:0.15 (according to the weight ratio) and mixed with pulp in the refiner at 60°C, pH3.8 and 12-15% consistency. The rotating speed of refiner is was 1300 r/sr/min and the gap between the disks is was 0.15-0.1mm. The pulp whiteness can be was 60 65-75°. In the secondary second refining process superoxide anion radicals ( O / HOO · O / HOO · ) (concentration is 10umol/L) is was added dropwise and mixed with the pulp at 80°C pH3.8, 12-15 wt% pulp consistency and 0.4Mpa. The rotating speed of refiner disc is was 1300 r/s r/min and the gap is was 0.1mm. After 0.5-1h, the ISO whiteness can should reach to 75-86°. The pulp is was sent into the conventional screening process for fine screening. The refined pulp is was sent into the centrifugal cleaning process, before it is condensed with a decker, beaten, and then sent into the storage process. When higher whiteness is required, the pulp can be processed again according to the process described above and the pulp yield is was 75%.

# **EXAMPLE VII**

Original materials—pulp are was obtained by the same procedure as conducted for in example V, except that ETPA substitute DTPA substituted for DMD at the same desage amount.

# **EXAMPLE VIII**

The <u>same</u> procedure as conducted for <u>in</u> example VI <u>was carried out</u>, except that singlet oxygen ( $^{1}O_{2}$ ) whose concentration is <u>was</u> 10umol/L and  $O_{3}$  whose concentration is <u>was</u> 10umol/L <u>substituted</u> for superoxide anion

radicals ( $\frac{0^{\frac{1}{2}}/HOO}{2}$  -  $\frac{0^{\frac{1}{2}}/HOO}{2}$ )\_whose concentration is was 10umol/L.

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a non-cooking cooking-free, non-conventional no bleaching needed, fully closed, self-cycling and active oxygen mixed refining process. The unexpected undesirable chemicals such as strong chlorine chlorine, strong acid, strong alkaline are not employed. According to the market demands, the enterprise enterprises can produce various types of middle or high quality pulp pulps of middle or high quality.

# The test results of the clean pulp produced by the oxidizing pulping process:

Pilot product products, namely pulp pulps of full cotton stalk, mulberry tree, popular and the full cotton stalk screen fine pulp, was were tested by Tianjin Science and Technology University. The results are shown in the testing report in detail (table 5). It is indicated that bio-oxidation the oxidizing pulping technology can be applied to both wood and non-wood materials, and for example, full cotton stalk, the an agriculture residue waste, can be utilized as raw materials for pulping.

TestingA comparison between the testing report produced by Tianjin Science and Technology University on Nov 12, 2003 and national sulfite bleach sulfite-bleaching pulping contrast table are produced by Tianjin Science and Technology University at Nov 12,2003 is listed in Please refer to table 3.

Table 3 property <u>Property</u> comparison of bio-oxidation pulp and conventional CMP

Index	GB Standard	<del>Upland</del>	<del>Upland</del>	Mulberry	Poplar
	Of BSP	Cotton Stalk	Cotton Stalk	Pre-Screened	Pre-Screened

		Pre-Screened	Screened	Pulp	Pulp
		Pulp	Pulp		
Fiber length( mm)	0. 50	0. 51	0. 65	0. 47	0. 55
Degree of beating (°SR)	45	59	51. 5	58	62
Basis weight (g/ m²)	58. 2	58. 2	60. 0	59. 0	57. 5
density (g/cm³)	3. 3	0. 33	0. 32	0. 33	0. 32
Breaking length(Km)	3. 2	3. 81	3. 44	3. 44	3. 07
Tear index (mNm²/g)	2. 8	2. 9	3. 4	2. 9	2. 5
Burst index (KPam²/g)	1. 5	1. 9	1. 5	1. 7	1. 4
Brightness (%ISO)	82. 0	68. 69	71. 58	70. 87	75. 17
Opacity (%)	88. 1	95. 91	93. 91	96. 05	94. 07